

TAILOR MADE CLOTHING. SPECIAL LINES FOR SPRING. GARDINER & BAXTER.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

The St. Agnes guild of St. John's Episcopal mission will give a novel and very amusing social, coupled with an entertainment, in its hall, No. 362 South Division street, next Tuesday evening.

A still alarm of fire was turned in last night at 7 o'clock caused by a blaze in B. A. Cotton's house at the rear of engine house No. 2 on Barclay street. Damage slight.

Dotty Harens, aged 8 years, of No. 306 Ottawa street, was reported to be ill from scarlet fever yesterday; that being the only contagious disease reported.

Programs for the first annual camp meeting to be held at Hackley park August 2 to 12 are being distributed among the Methodists of western Michigan.

Repairs on the street car track at the corner of prospect and East Bridge streets renders a transfer of passengers necessary at that point.

The bicycle club will have a run to Berlin for dinner tomorrow. The riders will leave the club rooms at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Henry M. Joy has filed a medical practitioner's sworn statement with the county clerk. He graduated from Andover last June.

Awards are being put into place over the windows in the second and third floors of the Union Trust company's building.

Fulton street bridge is closed to traffic on account of the paving of the west approach with cedar blocks. Zorisky & Carsten were auctioneering their goods yesterday preparatory to moving.

The Michigan State bank will open its doors to the public at 6 o'clock this evening.

Several stores on Fountain street are being fitted up for the furniture exposition.

The hot weather of the past few days has driven many to the northern resorts.

Bank clearings yesterday amounted to \$206,751.63, an increase of \$70,833.96. Miller's boats at the lake don't leak.

Marriage Licenses.

The following is a list of the marriage licenses issued since last published, with the names, residences when outside the city and age of the parties:

Axel Swanson, Adeline Carlson, 28-30 William H. Mason, Minnie Lowe, 22-23 Edna L. Carpenter, Oscar H. Butcher, 24-25

The Ladies.

The pleasant effect and perfect safety with which ladies may use the California Liquid Laxative Syrup of Figs, under all conditions, makes it their favorite remedy. To get the true and genuine article, look for the name of the California Fig Syrup company, printed near the bottom of the package.

HELPING OTHERS.

If there be some weaker one, Give me strength to help him on; If a blinder soul there be, Let me guide him on his way; Make my mortal dreams come true With the work I faint would do; Give me life, the weak I seek, Let me be the thing I need; Let me find in my employ Peace, that dearer to me; And to heaven's acclimated, Until all things sweet and good, Seem my native habitude. —J. G. Whittier.

AN IMITATION WIFE.

I had adjusted my tie, taken up my hat and was preparing to leave when the door slowly opened and my mother came in.

"Going out, are you Tom?" said she. "Yes." "Where to another party?" "Yes." "That makes three this week, doesn't it, Tom?"

"Yes. We're hurrying to get through. Going to take Miss Beaufort tonight, and then I'm done with the Jolly club's parties."

Mother somehow or other didn't seem to think very much of what I said.

"Tom, I wish you would get married," she said, with a troubled face. "I believe you would stay at home more."

"Well, I am a tired, mother, and completely worn out."

"Then why don't you quit it?" "The best reason in the world, mother. I am neither engaged nor in love, but am willing to be both."

It was getting late so I started after this, but the said look on my mother's face set me to thinking. My mother is the best woman in the world, even if I do say it myself, and I felt worried about her. She was right. I was out nearly every evening—this evening at a reception, next time at a ball, then a theater party and so on.

Of course I could well afford it, for my salary as cashier at Hart's was a liberal one. But I was not saving a penny, and my home folks never saw me except at the table. Even poor old patient mother was complaining.

But I was having lots of fun. There was that Beaufort girl—she was a fine one. Could dance any dance, talk about anything and make you have the best time in the world.

Then there was Vene Wright. She would make a name with a fellow, go-

rowing, skating—anything for fun. Then, Vene had money; that was an important item. Why shouldn't I tackle Miss Vene on the subject of matrimony? "Thomas, old son," said I to myself, "Vene is the one."

But Vene somehow or other did not exactly suit the case, and my mind reverted to Miss Beaufort, who was smart, pretty, stylish and suited better, but I knew nothing about her financial standing. This was an important matter to me in those days.

Meanwhile the carriage approached Miss Beaufort's. I had never been there before, and to my surprise found it to be a very unpretentious house. I confessed I was disappointed. I expected to drive up to an elegant mansion, be ushered into a fine reception room by a servant in livery and there await the coming of Miss Beaufort. Then I expected to make a bold dash for her heart—propose, and possibly be accepted or declined by the time the party was over.

But not so. A little lady with gray hair opened the door, and she was introduced to me by Miss Beaufort as "mamma." Miss Beaufort was ready and waiting, so we walked out to the carriage.

"Mr. Silver," said she after we had seated ourselves, "don't you think there is a great amount of snobbery in society and lots of downright foolishness?"

"Well, yes," said I. "For instance," said she, "here is an elegant carriage that you have brought for me, and yet the party is not half a mile away."

This certainly was very refreshing. I had actually squandered one pound to have this carriage for the evening, and she was not pleased with it. I knew Vene would have enjoyed a ride in it.

"Mr. Silver," she remarked again, "this is the last party I am going to this winter."

"Well, why?" said I. "Aren't you going to take in the German club ball and the others?"

"No," said she. "Mamma hasn't the money; she can't afford it. Besides, Mr. Silver," she continued, "can you really afford to spend so much money on society?"

I looked at her. There was honesty fairly shining out of her pretty black eyes, even if she wasn't very polite, so I answered her honestly:

"No, Miss Beaufort, I cannot! I haven't saved a penny this winter, and I get a big salary too. It seems idiotic."

"I have met you so frequently I feel quite well acquainted with you, though I expect I have been a little impolite."

"No," said I, "I am glad that you take much interest in me."

Then we changed the subject. I had a splendid time at the party and enjoyed Miss Beaufort's company very much. I found her level headed and bright, if she was too frank.

The next day I told mother about it. She said she admired Miss Beaufort for her common sense, though she had never seen her. Then she referred again to my getting married.

"Suppose," said she, "that you pretend for a week or so that you are married and see how it goes?"

"An imitation wife," said I. "Why not?" she said. "I will write the name of a young lady on a card, seal it in an envelope and you can look it in your desk. Then let us suppose you are married to her for any two weeks. During that time I want you to act just as if the lady were here in person and your lawfully wedded wife."

"Where name are you going to write on the card?" said I. "Never mind," said she. "I will write my preference and neither of us will breathe a word about this to a living soul."

We agreed on this. Mother wrote the name on the card and sealed it in the envelope. I knew it was Vene Wright's name, so I decided to imagine that Vene was there in person, and so we commenced the week.

Monday night came. That was the night of the German club ball; but I staid at home and talked to mother. Then I played drafts with her for awhile, and we managed to have a very enjoyable evening.

Next morning mother met me at the table with smiles and about the best breakfast I had eaten for a long while.

"You must imagine that your wife saw to this breakfast," she whispered.

Going to the city this morning who should get into the bus but Miss Beaufort. I bowed to her gracefully, passed her fare to the conductor, and was about to sit down by her side when I happened to think of my imitation wife at home and kept my seat by the door.

"Married men have no business talking to the young ladies," said I to myself.

Miss Beaufort looked at me rather queerly, but said nothing, and I thought the bus would never get to the city.

Thursday was the evening I was to call on Vene, and I forgot to send her an excuse. On Friday a note came from her, which mother took the liberty of opening, as she thought I would not see, and she felt like representing my wife in the desk. It was a tender missive, and somewhat surprised me when I saw it. But what could I do? Married men have no business getting tender notes from young ladies. Inasmuch as I had contracted to carry out mother's plan for two weeks, I left the note for mother to answer. She is a very truthful woman, but in answering the note she perverted.

She said that I was very sick, and as a natural consequence Vene called that afternoon to see me, but I was at business, and mother had to invent another story. Then she had to come all the way to the office so as to keep me from coming home my usual way for fear Vene might catch us.

I laughed a good deal at mother, and Vene did not find us out, but Mrs. Jones—an awful gossip—met her, and Vene told her I was sick, and the next day all my society friends came round, among them Miss Beaufort.

mother met her rather coldly, but invited her to stay awhile.

"I suppose Mr. Silver is almost worn out with so much going out," said the young lady.

"He is much better," said mother, "but I do not think he will go out for several weeks. I think that I shall keep him at home."

"I am so glad," said Miss Beaufort, "not that you are going to keep him at home, but that he is not going out so much. I am getting so that I fairly detest society. Here was a woman who had my mother's views, and they both thereupon had a confidential talk and pleased each other mightily."

Then she asked the matter to call on her mother, which she did.

Meanwhile I was staying at home every evening and was getting pretty tired of it, as the two weeks were drawing to a close.

"Don't you think a man ought to take his wife out once in a while?" said I to mother.

"Why not?" she said. "Then I'll take her to the theater tonight." So I took a couple of reserved seats at Drury Lane theater for the following night, and mother, who represented my wife, went with me.

We had hardly taken our seats before I noticed that they were adjoining those of Miss and Mrs. Beaufort.

We went home together that night and laughed and talked a good deal. I think mother told Mrs. Beaufort what we had been doing, but I did not hear it. I know that several days later, after my two weeks of married life were over, I went to call on Miss Beaufort. We had a pleasant time together, and just as I was about to leave the old lady came in.

"I forgot to ask you, Mr. Silver, what you thought of married life," said she. Miss Beaufort looked horrified, but laughed.

"Mother has been telling you, has she?" said I. "She has," said she. "Well," said I, "during the two weeks I was married I read three good books, gained four pounds in weight, saved \$5 10s, besides paying mother for my wife's board and the tickets to Drury Lane."

"And who were you married to?" asked Miss Beaufort.

"I forgot to tell you," said I. I hurried home to see who my wife had been. The envelope was just as I had placed it in my desk drawer. I tore it open, and there was the name of Miss Beaufort.

"Well," said I, "mother made her an imitation wife, now I will try to make her a real one."

And so I did.—New York Mercury.

Matching Teeth.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty that dentists meet with is the matching of false teeth with the natural teeth of their customers. The tooth factories supply dentists with rings upon which are strung thin short metal bars, each carrying a tooth at its extremity. There are twenty-five of these sample teeth that run all the way from nearly white to a shade that is almost olive. Some one of the twenty-five usually almost matches the patient's natural teeth, and, at any rate, enables the dentist to match the teeth by application at the factory.—New York Sun.

Animals That Do Not Drink.

Darwin states in his "Voyage of a Naturalist" that unless the huanoes, or wild llamas of Patagonia, drink salt water, in many localities they must drink none at all. The large and interesting group of sloths are alike in never drinking. A parrot is said to have lived in the Zoological gardens, Regent park, for fifty-two years without a drop of water.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

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BAY VIEW.

July 11-20—Return August 13—\$37.50. WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 16-17—Return July 24—\$17.50. DETROIT.

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G. R. & I. R. R.

Chicago Trains. Leave Grand Rapids, except Sunday.....10:05 a. m. Arrive Chicago.....3:35 p. m. Through parlor car.

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And Now It Cools and Kicks and Grows as Any Infant Should.

Mr. George K. Dennett Tells About His Not Uncommon Experience.

Think of starving a baby! The baby! The small despot who asks so little that all nature is on his side.

A tiny being who, by gait, delights in shadows on the wall, and by daylight, in the sun and yellow things; who, between three or four sleeps a day, coos like a pigeon-house, sputters and kicks and grows—if properly fed.

The growth must come from proper nourishment. A poorly fed baby may sometimes increase in weight and grow fat, but the flesh is flabby, the blood poor and thin, the skin white, and the temper irritable. These are often the first symptoms of "rickets." By feeding the little one upon lactated food, which is declared by the physician to be the most perfect substitute for pure and healthful mother's milk, these symptoms are easily avoided. Too

many infants are starved because the mother's food does not agree with them.

Mr. George K. Dennett of 23 Bromfield street, Boston, a picture of whose wife and child appears above, has had not an uncommon experience. He says:

"I commenced using lactated food for my baby nearly two months ago. He then weighed 12½ pounds and was 4 months old, having but very little life or activity. I think we were starving him, as we were unable to find any food that would agree with him. We tried fully half a dozen different prepared foods. The baby weighed, when born, 4½ pounds; when 3 months old, 15 pounds; and when 4 months old, 12½ pounds. When we saw that he was losing weight and that he was unable to eat, we were unable to help us either. As a last resort my wife took him to Dr. Hodgson of Dedham, who prescribed lactated food, and you can see the result. He gained 8½ pounds in less than two months (now weighing 21 pounds) on two small boxes and two hospital-sized boxes, and is as lively as a cricket."

Fresh Cod at Dettenthaler's.

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Other trains, with parlor and sleeping cars, for Potoskey and Mackinac leave at 7:20 a. m. and 10:30 p. m. For Traverse City at 7:20 a. m. and 4:15 p. m.

Mr. Adams of the military firm of Adams & Co., Monroe street, is in the eastern market making selections from late importations of Parisian novelties. New goods arriving daily.

Our Stock of Ladies and Children's Hats and Bonnets must be sold regardless of cost to close them out as we are going out of business.

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